

Washington, DC – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) today announced he will host a free forum for small businesses in Southwest Georgia to learn about current lending and financing options available through the Small Business Administration (SBA).

The forum will be held Monday, August 16, 2010, at Albany Technical College, Kirkland Conference Center, 1704 South Slappey Drive – Albany, Georgia 31071, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

“Small businesses are vital to Southwest Georgia’s economy and play an important role in our economic recovery efforts,” said Congressman Bishop. “Yet almost two years after a financial crisis caused a near collapse of the economy, many small businesses in Georgia are still having difficulties finding the working capital they need to invest in new jobs and new markets. This free forum will help small businesses in the Second Congressional District better understand the great variety of SBA loan programs available to Southwest Georgia.”

Confirmed guests include: Congressman Bishop; Thelma Adams-Johnson, Executive Director – Albany Community Together; Debbie Finney – Small Business Development Center, Albany; George Hoag – SBA; and Perry Revell, Commercial Lender – SunTrust Banks, Inc.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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